

) Case No. 40S00-0711-MS- 520
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ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE

The judges of the Jennings Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule regulating court reporter services in accordance with Ind. Administrative Rule 15. Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Jennings Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR40-AR15-22, complies with the requirements of Ind. Administrative Rule 15, and accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that Jennings County Local Rule, LR40-AR15-22, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective November 7, 2007, provided further that the rules shall be posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website not less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. Jonathan W. Webster, Jennings Circuit Court, P.O. Box 386, Vernon, IN 47282-0386; the Hon. James Funke, Jr., Jennings Superior Court, P.O. Box 490, Vernon, IN 47282-0490; and to the Clerk of the Jennings Circuit Court, and to post this Order on the Court's website dealing with local rule amendments.

The Clerk of the Jennings Circuit Court is directed to enter this Order and attachment in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order and attachment for examination

by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 7th day of November, 2007.

RT Shepard

Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana

STATE OF INDIANA)

IN THE JENNINGS CIRCUIT COURT
AND JENNINGS SUPERIOR COURT

COUNTY OF JENNINGS)

CAUSE NO. 40C01-0502-CB-007

IN THE MATTER OF JOINT)
LOCAL CIVIL RULES)

**ORDER FINDING GOOD CAUSE TO DEVIATE
FROM THE SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTING LOCAL COURT
RULES AND REQUEST FOR SUPREME COURT APPROVAL**

The Judges of Jennings County Indiana, according to T.R. 81(D), find that good cause exists to deviate from the schedule established for the adoption or amendment of local court rules for the amendment proposed in the attached "Amended Local Rule." The Jennings County Courts now submit the attached amended Local Rule for consideration and request approval of the Indiana Supreme Court.

Comments may be submitted to: The Honorable Jon W. Webster, Judge Jennings Circuit Court or The Honorable James F. Funke, Jr., Judge Jennings Superior Court, at: circuit@jenningscounty-in.gov.

Comments may be made for thirty (30) days after posting pursuant to Trial Rule 81 (B).

The proposed revision to the Jennings County Local Court Rule LR40-AR15-22-Court Reporter Services shall take effect after approval by the Indiana Supreme Court and having been posted for comments as indicated above.

SO ORDERED THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.

J. J. Webster

JON W. WEBSTER, Judge, Jennings Circuit Court

James F. Funke Jr.

JAMES F. FUNKE, JR., Judge, Jennings Superior Court

AMENDED LOCAL RULE

LR40-AR15-22 - COURT REPORTER SERVICES

Section One. Definitions.

- A.) A *Court Reporter* is a person who is specifically designed by a court to perform the official court reporting services for the court including preparing a transcript of the record.
- B.) *Equipment* means all physical items owned by the court or other governmental entity and used by a court reporter in performing court reporting services. Equipment shall include, but not be limited to, telephones, computer hardware, software programs, disks, tapes, and any other devices used for recording and storing, and transcribing electronic data.
- C.) *Work space* means that portion of the court's facilities dedicated to each court reporter, including, but not limited to, actual space in the courtroom and any designated office space.
- D.) *Page* means the page unit of transcript which results when a recording is transcribed in the form required by Indiana Rule of Appellate Procedure 7.2.
- E.) *Recording* means the electronic, mechanical, stenographic, or other recording made as required by Indiana Rule of Trial Procedure 74.
- F.) *Regular hours worked* means those hours which the court is regularly scheduled to work during any given work week. Depending on the particular court, these hours may vary from court to court within the county but remain the same for each work week.

- G.) *Gap hours worked* means those hours worked that are in excess of the regular hours worked, but hours not in excess of forty (40) hours per work week.
- H.) *Overtimes hours worked* means those hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week.
- I.) *Work week* means a seven (7) consecutive day week that consistently begins and ends on the same days throughout the year; i.e. Sunday through Saturday, Wednesday through Tuesday, Friday through Thursday.
- J.) *Court* means the particular court for which the court reporter performs services. Court may also mean all of the courts in Jennings County.
- K.) *County indigent transcript* means a transcript that is paid for from county funds, and is for the use on behalf of a litigant who has been declared indigent by a court.
- L.) *State indigent transcript* means a transcript that is paid for from state funds, and is for the use on behalf of a litigant who has been declared indigent by a court.
- M.) *Private transcript* means a transcript, including, but not limited to, a deposition transcript, that is paid for by a private party.

Section Two-Salaries and Per Page Fees.

- A.) Court Reporters shall be paid an annual salary for time spent working under the control, direction, and direct supervision of their supervising court during any regular work hours, gap hours, or overtime hours. The supervising court shall enter into a written agreement with the court reporters which outlines the manner in which the court reporter is to be compensated for gap and overtime hours, i.e. monetary compensation or compensatory time off regular work hours.
- B.) The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a county indigent transcript shall be ~~Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50)~~ Five Dollars (\$5.00). The court reporter shall submit a claim directly to the county for the preparation of any county indigent transcripts.
- C.) The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a state indigent transcript shall be ~~Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50)~~ Five Dollars (\$5.00).
- D.) The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a private transcript shall be ~~Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50)~~ Five Dollars (\$5.00).

E.) The maximum per page fee a court report may charge for the preparation of an expedited transcript (transcripts needed 3 days or less) is Six Dollars (\$6.00).

F.) Each court reporter shall report, at least on an annual basis, all transcript fees received for the preparation of either county indigent, state indigent, or private transcripts to the Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration. The reporting shall be made on forms prescribed by the Division of State Court Administration.

Section Three –Private Practice.

A.) If a court reporter elects to engage in private practice through the recording of a deposition and/or preparing of a deposition transcript, and the court reporter desires to utilize the court's equipment, work space and supplies, the court agrees to the use of the court equipment for such purpose, and the court and the court reporter shall enter into a written agreement which must, at a minimum, designate the following:

a.) The reasonable market rate for the use of equipment, work space, and supplies;

b.) The method by which records are kept for the use of equipment, work space, and supplies, and

c.) The method by which the court reporter is to reimburse the court for the use of the equipment, work space and supplies.

B.) If a court reporter elects to engage in private practice through the recording of a deposition and/or preparing of a deposition transcript, all such private practice work shall be conducted outside of regular working hours.